

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Wednesday, June 14, 2006 9:00 a.m. Room 519 House Office Building, Lansing

Representative Nofs, Chair, called the meeting order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nofs, Proos, Drolet, Emmons, Garfield, Huizenga, LaJoy, Palsrok, Stahl, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Dillon, Accavitti, Mayes, Hunter, Hopgood, Clemente, Gillard. (18/19)

ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Moore. (1/19)

Representative Garfield made a motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2006, supported by Representative Proos. No objections being offered, the minutes were accepted as presented.

The Chair laid HB 5895 before the Committee.

HB 5895 Hoogendyk Communications; cable; regulation of competitive cable service providers; provide for.

The following individuals spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5895 and answered questions:

David Bertram, representing the Michigan Townships Association, in opposition

Randi Holthouse, Clerk of Spring Arbor Township, in opposition

Gary Cramer, Supervisor of Kalamazoo Charter Township, in opposition

At this time, Representative Drolet made a motion to excuse absent members, supported by Representative Accavitti. No objections being offered, absent members were excused.

Discussion of HB 5895 continued.

The following individuals also spoke to the Committee regarding HB 5895:

Reverend Horace Sheffield III, representing the Detroit Area Association of Black Organizations, in opposition

Dan Smith, representing the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce, indicating a neutral position on the bill

Francisco Vega, representing the Calder Services Company, in support

Due to time constraints, the following individuals were unable to speak to the Committee regarding HB 5895:

Scott Stevenson, representing the Telecommunications Association of Michigan, in support

Randall Thompson, representing Freedom Works, in support

Mark Guido, representing the U.S. Conference of Mayors
Harry Haasch, representing the Central States Alliance for Community Media, in
opposition
Mark Monk, representing the Michigan Chapter of Alliance for Community Media, in
opposition
Dale Geminder, representing AccessVision-Battle Creek Community Television, in
opposition
Bart Hawley, representing JTV, in support
Representative Brian Palmer, State Representative for the 36th House District

The following individuals submitted cards indicating support for HB 5895:

Marcos Alues Dias
Jim Bailey
James Barrie
Scott Bouma
Jonathan Brown
Thomas Brown
Paula Crawford
Steve Dewey
Marvin Dirkse
David Fritz
Steven Grady
Brad Hall
Adam Heft
Michael Hilden
Gregory Hills
Jeff Holley
Yusha Humphries
Estill Dwayne Hurst
Robert Jones
Brian Koos
Brenda Luczyn-Brooks
Norma Mays, representing AT&T
Homita McDonald
Sean Muhlenkamp
Sharon Pergande
Edward Platt
Claire Salac
John Schwartz, representing AT&T
Kennete' Smith
Rocal VanHoost
Judith Wallace

Fiore Zanchetta

Cards indicating opposition to HB 5895 were submitted by:
Ron Browne, representing Midland Community TV
Joe Fivas, representing the Michigan Municipal League

Chair Nofs indicated that the Committee would meet again to hear from additional interested individuals on HB 5895.

There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nofs declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 11:03 a.m.

Representative Mike Nofs, Chair

Catherine Petroskey, Committee Clerk
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